Subject No. 126.

Curtailment of expenses in D. P. W.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Curtailment of expenses in the Public Works Department is necessary.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

RAILWAYS.

Subject No. 127.

Railways.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur.

Summary of Representation.—I. A Railway line may be constructed from Kadur to French Rocks *via* Chikmagalur, Belur and Hassan.

II. A light Railway may be constructed from Kadur to Chikmagalur, Mudgere and on to Koppa.

III. If a branch line of Railway be opened from Benkipur to Koppa, it will afford facility to persons visiting Sringeri, an important place of pilgrimage and for the export of Malnad products freely. There are no rivers to be bridged.

Mr. Sivappa wants a line from Shimoga to Jog Falls.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 128.

Nanjangud-Erode Railway.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandits Member of the District Fund Board, Mysore Circle.

Summary of Representation.—The construction of the Nanjangud-Erode Railway may be started as it will improve the trade and enrich the people of the country.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit said that a loan was not undesirable for this work.

Reply of Government.—The project for the line is ready. But the construction is held in abeyance pending commencement of work by the Madras Government on their portion of the line. The idea is to give this line precedence over other lines when funds permit.

Subject No. 129.

Separate accommodation for Brahmin 3rd class passengers on State Railways.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Zamindar, Magadi.

Summary of Representation.—Much inconvenience caused to the 3rd class passengers in Railway trains has been brought to light in several newspapers. The same has been also experienced by many of us. It is impossible to describe the difficulties and troubles caused to the Brahmin passengers, who have to take their seat side by side with the passengers of other castes. These inconveniences might be avoided if separate 3rd class compartments be reserved for Brahmin passengers in this State Railway as has been done in the case of European and Eurasian passengers. It is also requested that a class intermediate to the 2nd and 3rd classes be opened for the convenience of passengers.

Mr. Hussan Ali Beg also wanted an intermediate class.

Reply of Government.—For a small system like the State Railway, all this is not possible. However Mr. Hussan Ali Beg's suggestion will be referred to the Southern Mahratta Railway Company.

Subject No. 130.

Improved Railway accommodation.

Mr. Thomas Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of Representation.—Improved passenger accommodation is desired on the Kolar Gold Field Railway.

Reply of Government.—The Madras Railway Company will be written to.